

this matter. It was determined that the drawing correction was disapproved on procedural grounds, rather than on substantive grounds. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the drawing change requested would not be considered after final rejection, inasmuch as the accompanying Amendment would not be entered at that time. It was agreed that the Examiner would consider this drawing change upon refiling of the application. In addition, as requested by the Examiner, Applicants' representative confirms that no new matter has been added by this drawing change.

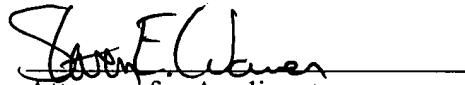
Further, Applicants' representative pointed out that the claim amendments presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection were in response to the personal interview conducted on July 8, 2004. Again, no new matter has been added by these changes.

For the reasons set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection, Applicants submit that claims 26-50 and 52-54 patentably define features of Applicants' invention. Applicants request such favorable indication, as well as favorable consideration of the drawing change previously presented.

Applicants further submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action (of April 9, 2004) and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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